



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a press conference with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry after their meeting at the foreign ministry in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. The United States and Egypt on Sunday resumed formal security talks that were last held six years ago and kept on hiatus until now amid the political unrest that swept the country in the wake of the Arab Spring.

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US, Egypt Resume Formal Security Talks With Kerry Visit

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CAIRO (AP) — Despite persistent human rights concerns, the United States on Sunday resumed formal security talks with Egypt that were last held six years ago and kept on hiatus until now amid the political unrest that swept the country in the wake of the Arab Spring.

Two days after the U.S. delivered eight F-16 warplanes to Egypt as part of a military support package that the Obama administration is boosting to help Egypt counter an increasing terrorist threat, Secretary of State John Kerry restarted the so-called "strategic dialogue" with Egyptian officials in Cairo. The dialogue was last held in 2009 and did not occur in subsequent years due to the Arab Spring and turmoil following the ouster of Egypt's authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak in 2011. Kerry said the administration is committed to working with Egypt to enhance its military capabilities as it confronts growing threats from extremists, particularly in the Sinai Peninsula.

That aid had been on hold until earlier this year due to human rights and democracy concerns in the wake of the military overthrow of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

Before meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, Kerry told Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry the U.S. would "continue to provide robust training to the Egyptian military, as the military seeks it and desires it, in an effort to build capacity, and also to meet the highest expectations of your military for its professionalism." He noted that in addition to the F-16s, the U.S. had provided Egypt with Apache helicopters, attack boats, armored vehicles and other weapons systems this year. More aid is on the way, he said.

At the same time, he acknowledged stress in the U.S.-Egypt relationship over human rights and said Washington would contin-

ue to press Cairo on the arrests of dissidents and journalists and mass trials.

"Obviously, there has been a little bit of tension over certain issues," he told reporters at a joint news conference with Shoukry that was held shortly after a court in Cairo again postponed a verdict in the trial of three Al-Jazeera English journalists, whose arrests on have sparked widespread condemnation.

Shoukry said no journalists have been detained in Egypt for doing their jobs, only for terrorism and other offenses, and he rejected criticism that detainees were being denied due process. He said Egypt is committed to improving its human rights conditions but noted that all countries, even mature democracies, have imperfect rights records.

Kerry made the case, though, that freedom of speech, assembly and peaceful political dissent must be allowed if Egypt is to successfully combat extremism, especially ahead of parliamentary elections to be held later this year.

"We are absolutely clear that terrorists who kill civilians and attack Egyptian security forces have to be brought to justice, and we stand with Egypt in that effort. But it is equally important ... to distinguish between those who use violence to achieve their ends and others who seek peacefully to participate in a political dialogue, even if what they say sometimes may make people uncomfortable," Kerry said.

He said that fighting extremism requires more than military might and called on Egypt to adopt a broad strategy that would both improve the economy and accept dissent to prevent young people from embracing radical ideologies. "Otherwise, no matter how many terrorists we bring to justice, those groups will replenish their ranks and we will not be safer. We will be involved in a round robin, circular, repetitive process," Kerry said.

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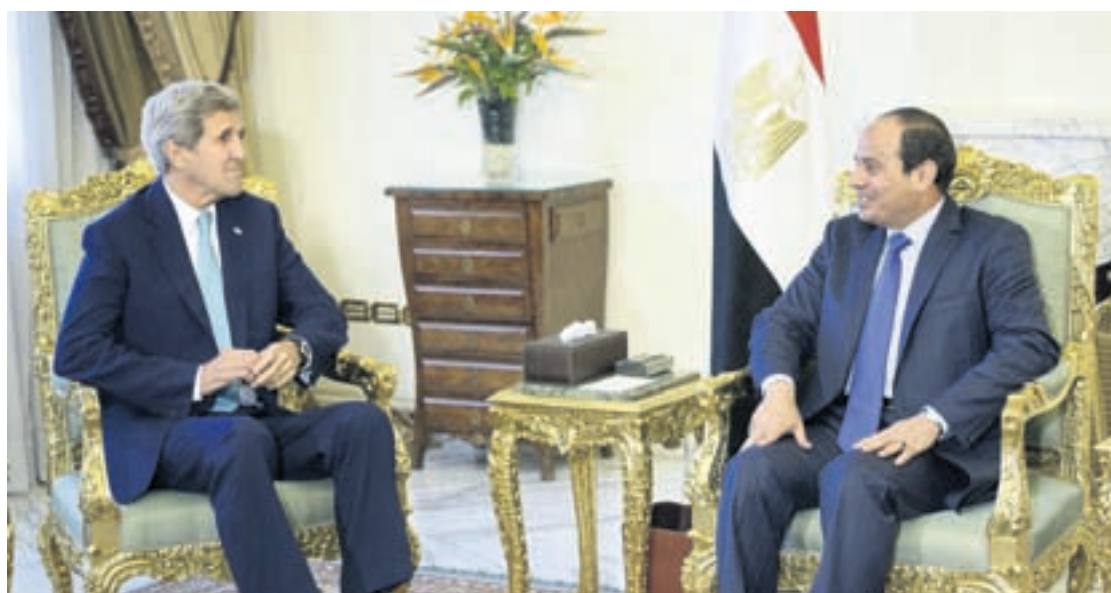
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Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, right, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry sit for photos before their meeting at the presidential palace in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. Despite persistent human rights concerns, the United States on Sunday resumed formal security talks with Egypt that were last held six years ago and kept on hiatus until now amid the political unrest that swept the country in the wake of the Arab Spring.

(Brendan Smialowski/Pool Photo via AP)

In advance of his trip, Kerry met in Washington with Egyptian-American Mohammed Soltan, who had been sentenced to life in prison in Egypt for financ-

ing an anti-government sit-in and spreading "false news." One of thousands imprisoned after Morsi's overthrow, Soltan had been on a hunger strike for more

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Republican hopefuls prep for first debate _ and Donald Trump

LISA LERER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidates dismissed the dominance of Donald Trump in early primary polling, scrambling to position themselves days before their first debate, which will test Trump's ability to present himself as a serious contender for the White House.

While candidates and their teams in the crowded Republican field have spent hours privately strategizing how best to tackle the billionaire businessman and TV star in Thursday's debate, they publicly discounted the idea of Trump's rise even as a new poll showed him continuing a summer surge.

"Anybody can do well for a month in this business, especially if you have talent



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to the media on the Turnberry golf course in Turnberry, Scotland. Republican presidential candidates who dismissed Trump's dominance in early primary polling, are now scrambling to position themselves days before their first debate.

(AP Photo/Scott Heppell)

and you have personality, and Donald does," New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Trump, still a longshot to win the White House, has roiled the Republican race

by branding Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals. His comments have sparked a feud with exasperated Republican rivals who find his words worrisome as they court the surging bloc of Latino vot-

ers.

Trump has tried to lower expectations for his first debate appearance. "I'd like to discuss the issues. I'm not looking to take anybody out or be nasty to anybody," he said in an interview on NBC's "Meet The Press." "You have to counterpunch. But I'm not looking to start anything."

"These politicians — I always say, they're all talk, no action. They debate all the time," he said in an interview on ABC's "This Week." "I don't debate." He also spoke by phone on CBS' "Face the Nation."

A new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Sunday showed Trump as the first choice of 19 percent of Republican primary voters, followed by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker at 15 percent and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush at 14 percent.

Such early polling is often discounted by analysts, but it does matter for the debate. Fox News, host of the Aug. 6 debate, intends to allow onstage only the 10 candidates who fare best in polling averages from the five most recent national public opinion surveys as of Tuesday evening. Candidates who do not qualify for the debate will be invited to participate in a separate forum to be aired on the afternoon of the debate.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum said the Republican party shouldn't overlook support in early voting primary states like Iowa and New Hampshire in favor of national numbers. Santorum, who won a number of primary contests in 2012, now ranks at around 1 percent in most polls. □

Bush, other hopefuls address Koch brothers gathering

JULIE BYKOWICZ

Associated Press

DANA POINT, California

(AP) — Billionaire industrialist Charles Koch warned America is "done for" if the conservative donors and politicians he gathered at a retreat this weekend don't rally others to their cause of demanding a smaller, less-intrusive government.

Inside a tightly guarded luxury resort in Southern California 450 business leaders and the elected officials

who receive that largesse strategized Sunday with officials at the education, policy and activist groups that Koch and his brother David have spent years building up and funding. Five Republican contenders are speaking to the donor group, answering questions. That network has a budget of \$889 million through the end of 2016 — and much of it will be directed at electing a Republican to the White House.

"History demonstrates that when the American people get motivated by an issue of justice, that they believe is just, extraordinary things can be accomplished," he said, going on to reference the American Revolution, abolition of slavery and women's and civil rights movements. "We, too, are seeking to right injustices that are holding our country back."

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz are due to speak Sun-

day evening. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and former technology executive Carly Fiorina took questions on Saturday.

Walker heaped praise on the donor crowd and said their patriotism reminded him of what he saw at tea party rallies, who may not have the net worth but who are also "fighting for their country."

The Koch donor conferences, held twice a year, are insular affairs.

Only those who have donated \$100,000 or more to Koch-backed groups are invited. Yet even those deep-pocketed donors must check their mobile phones at the doors of some strategy sessions. For the first time, a small number of reporters were invited to hear the 2016 candidates and attend some other forums. As a condition of attending, reporters were not permitted to identify any of the donors in attendance. □

Biden associates resume discussion about 2016 run

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden's associates have resumed discussions about a possible 2016 presidential run after largely putting aside such deliberations during his son's illness and following his death earlier this year. But Biden has yet to tell his staff whether he will run or personally ask them to do any planning for a potential campaign, according to several people close to the vice president.

Recent conversations between Biden's associates and Democratic donors and operatives have led to speculation that Biden will challenge front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton for the party's nomination, and individuals close to Biden have started looking into what options might be available to him if he were to run, such as potential staff in the early-voting state of Iowa.

Biden is expected to make a final decision as soon as early September, according to those familiar with his plans.

The people close to Biden spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the deliberations. The renewed focus on Biden comes amid some signs of weakness for Clinton, including declines in her favorability among voters in recent polling. Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is challenging Clinton for the Democratic nomination, has been attracting large crowds with a liberal economic message, evidence of a hunger within the party for an alternative to Clinton's candidacy.

Biden's entry could fundamentally reshape the dynamics of the Democratic primary elections. Yet Clinton remains enormously popular among Democrats. She has raised nearly \$50 million for her campaign.

There are few signs, meanwhile, that Biden is taking

solid steps toward launching a campaign. He has had little interaction with a "draft Biden" group pushing him to run, and has yet to look for office space in early voting states or raise money for a potential bid. Kendra Barkoff, the vice president's press secretary, said Biden was spending his time working on President Barack Obama's agenda, not on planning his own potential presidential campaign.

"As the Biden family continues to go through this difficult time, the vice president is focused on his family and immersed in his work," Barkoff said.

Biden's son, Beau, died of brain cancer in May. The younger Biden's death prompted an outpouring of support for the vice president, who also lost a daughter and his first wife in a car accident in 1972. Since Beau Biden's death, his father has surrounded himself with longtime confidants and former aides who can provide comfort and emotional support — but also have intimate ties to Biden's two previous presidential campaigns.

In recent weeks, several longtime donors, supporters and former staffers have reached out to the vice president and his staff to offer their condolences, as well as to say they'd be on board if he chooses to run.

The speculation around a potential Biden run grew even louder this past week when Fox News reported that Biden chief of staff Steve Ricchetti had met for breakfast with Louis Susman, a prominent Democratic donor and former U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom. But individuals familiar with the meeting said Susman and Ricchetti are longtime friends and that Susman initiated the meeting.

Biden would bring to the race 36 years of experience in the Senate, as well as a breadth of foreign and domestic policy experience from his years as vice president. He's



Vice President Joe Biden speaks at Community College of Denver. Biden's associates have resumed discussions about a 2016 presidential run after largely shelving such deliberations during his son's illness and following his death earlier this year. (AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

been a key negotiator for Obama during fiscal fights on Capitol Hill and also the point person for administration policy in Ukraine and Iraq. However, Biden's free-

wheeling, undisciplined style has caused headaches for the White House and has long been a concern for Democrats as he has considered the prospect of running in 2016. □

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Police say person of interest in custody in officer killing

ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— A person of "interest" has been taken into custody in connection with the fatal shooting of a police officer during a traffic stop in Memphis, police said Sunday.

Memphis Police Department spokeswoman Karen Rudolph told The Associated Press that a person is in custody but that no charges have been filed in the killing of Officer Sean Bolton, 33. She said the investigation is ongoing but did not provide further details.

Police said a civilian had used Bolton's radio to notify police about the shooting. According to police, Bolton was shot multiple times and then was transported in critical condition to a hospital, where he died. Bolton was a former U.S. Marine and served a tour of duty in Iraq, po-



Memphis police canvas an area near where Police Officer Sean Bolton was fatally shot during a traffic stop Saturday, in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.

(Mike Brown/The Commercial Appeal via AP)

lice said.

Police officers wearing protective vests descended

on an apartment complex in Memphis on Sunday, about three miles (five kilo-

meters) from the scene of the shooting. An armored truck and a mobile com-

mand center were among the police vehicles there. □

Ferguson spurs 40 new US state measures; activists want more

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Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri (AP)

— When a white Ferguson policeman fatally shot a black 18-year-old nearly a year ago, the St. Louis suburb erupted in violent protests and Americans took notice. Since then, legislators in almost every state have proposed changes to the way police interact with the public.

The result: Twenty-four states have passed at least 40 new measures addressing such things as officer-worn cameras, training about racial bias, independent investigations when police use force and new

limits on the flow of surplus military equipment to local law enforcement agencies, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Despite all that action, far more proposals have stalled or failed, the AP review found. And few states have done anything to change their laws on when police are justified to use deadly force.

Civil rights leaders praised the steps taken by states but said they aren't enough to solve the racial tensions and economic disparities that have fueled protests in Ferguson, Baltimore, New York and elsewhere following instances in which peo-

ple died in police custody or shootings. "What we have right now in the country is an emerging consensus as to the need to act," said NAACP President Cornell William Brooks. "What we don't have is a consensus as to how to act, what to act on and how to do this in some kind of priority order." The Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old who had scuffled with Ferguson officer Darren Wilson, came just a few weeks after Eric Garner — an unarmed black man accused of illegally selling cigarettes — died in a struggle with white New York City officers. Garner's

death was captured by an onlooker's video. Brown's was not, and word quickly spread that he had been shot while surrendering with his hands up — an assertion uncorroborated by state and federal investigations. Some Ferguson protesters burned stores and threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at heavily armored police, who fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds — all under the lens of live, national media coverage. The protests again turned violent when a Missouri grand jury decided not to charge Wilson. And similar riots broke out in Baltimore in April following the

funeral of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died after being injured in police custody.

The AP analysis of legislation passed in all 50 states found the most action taken on officer cameras that can capture what transpires between police and civilians. Sixteen states passed body-camera measures this year, ranging from resolutions merely creating study panels to state grants subsidizing cameras and new laws on how they can be used. Numerous cities, including Ferguson, also began using the cameras without waiting for legislative direction. □



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US presidential hopeful Martin O'Malley visits Puerto Rico

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley became the first Democratic presidential candidate to make a campaign stop in Puerto Rico this year as part of an effort to woo Latino voters. He met Saturday with local legislators and residents to talk about their concerns as the U.S. territory tries to emerge from a nearly decade-long economic slump and struggles with \$72 billion in public debt. O'Malley also was scheduled to attend a fundraiser Saturday night.

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, O'Malley said Puerto Rico should receive the same treatment as the U.S. mainland.

"Right now, the people of Puerto Rico ... are being treated very unjustly by forces on the mainland, forces on Wall Street and the intransigence of this Republican Congress in taking action to restore simple bankruptcy protections," he said.

The administration of Puerto Rico Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla has been pushing for the right for the island's public agencies to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9, but the proposal has not drawn any Republican co-sponsors in the U.S. Congress. Garcia said in recent weeks that the public debt is unpayable and needs to be restructured.

O'Malley said Garcia should not be alone in that fight.

"He doesn't have a magic wand," he said. "This should be something that our Congress, even our Republican Congress, cares about because it would do some damage and it would impact the United States if Puerto Rico were to go under, or its economy to tank, because we can't renegotiate this debt."

U.S. open-end bond mutual funds together own more than \$11.4 billion of Puerto Rico bonds, or just over 15 percent of its outstanding debt, according to a Morningstar report. Hedge funds



Democratic presidential candidate, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, left, walks with Jaime Perello, speaker of Puerto Rico's House of Representatives during a campaign stop in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015. O'Malley is the first Democratic candidate to campaign in Puerto Rico.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

hold roughly one-third of Puerto Rico's debt. Puerto Rico Sen. Jorge Suarez was among the local legislators who met with O'Malley.

"It's incredibly important to have people who can give us a hand in such a difficult moment," he told The AP. "Clearly, we're dealing

with an economic abyss."

O'Malley declined to comment on Puerto Rico's future political status, saying it's up to Puerto Ricans to decide,

but he said he would fight for equal treatment for the territory, which he noted receives lower Medicaid and

Medicare reimbursement rates compared with the mainland.

O'Malley is trailing in a field of five main Democratic presidential candidates, which includes former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom he declined to talk about. □

Canada PM triggers election with vote in October

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper triggered an election campaign Sunday and set the vote for Oct. 19, when Harper and his Conservative party hope to earn a fourth term after almost a decade in power. Analysts say the election is a toss-up and Harper faces an uphill battle to form another majority government. If Harper wins he would become the first prime minister since 1908 to win four consecutive elections.

The prime minister dissolved Parliament Sunday in a visit

to the governor-general, the ceremonial representative of Queen Elizabeth II, Canada's head of state.

Harper has managed to nudge a traditionally center-left country to the right since coming to power in 2006. He has gradually lowered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation, supported the oil industry against the environmental lobby, increased military spending and backed Israel's right-wing government. He has deliberately avoided sweeping policy changes that could derail

his government. Harper, 56, said the election is about keeping Canadians safe from terrorist attacks and the economy strong and. A collapse in oil prices, a major export, has hurt the Canadian economy. He said now is not the time for inexperience and "political correctness," referring to the opposition leftist New Democrat party.

"A national election is not a popularity contest," Harper said. "It's a genuine choice between practical, serious, real-world experience and a dangerous approach that has failed before and

is failing in other countries."

Analysts say a minority government in the 338-seat Parliament is likely no matter what party wins the most seats in Parliament. That would mean the winning party would have a shaky hold on power and need to rely on another party to pass new legislation.

A coalition government between the leftist New Democrats and Liberals is also possible.

Analysts say the opposition New Democrats, led by Tom Mulcair, 60, have a chance to gain power for first time after the party

won control of the legislature in Alberta, Canada's most conservative province, a few months ago.

"Canadians are telling us that they want change. After 10 years of Stephen Harper in Ottawa they want to turn the page," Mulcair said.

Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, is also in the running to be the next prime minister. But he has trailed in recent polls after Conservatives have run repeated attack ads saying the 43-year-old is not ready for the job. □

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Pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democracy Party leader Selahattin Demirtas speaks to the media about Turkey's airstrikes against Kurdish rebel bases in Iraq, in Ankara, Turkey. Turkey's unexpected move to launch simultaneous air raids not only against the Islamic State group but also Kurdish rebels risks ending of a period of relative calm that has been boon for Turkey's democracy and economy. (AP Photo)

Turkey:

2 soldiers dead, 31 hurt in suicide attack

SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Kurdish rebels on Sunday detonated an explosives-laden agricultural vehicle at a military police station in eastern Turkey, killing two soldiers and wounding 31 others, authorities said, amid a sharp escalation of violence between the government forces and the autonomy-seeking insurgents.

Militants of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, used two tons of explosives to attack the station on a highway near the town of Dogubayazit in Agri province, close to Turkey's border with Iran, causing extensive damage to the building, the regional governor's office said in a statement. The military said four of the injured soldiers were in serious condition.

In a separate attack, one soldier was killed and four others were injured when their military vehicle hit

a land mine believed to have been laid by the rebels in the southeastern Mardin province, the local governor's office said Sunday.

Violence has flared in Turkey in the past 10 days, shattering a fragile peace process launched in 2012 with the Kurds. The government has conducted almost daily airstrikes at PKK bases in northern Iraq while the rebels have attacked Turkey's security forces. The airstrikes began as the U.S. and Turkey announced the outlines of a deal to help push the Islamic State group back from a strip of territory it controls along the Syrian-Turkish border, replacing it with more-moderate rebels backed by Washington and Ankara.

At least 24 people have been killed in the renewed violence in Turkey, most of them soldiers.

Turkey's allies have supported Turkey's fight against

the PKK, which they consider a terror organization. But they have also urged restraint and a return to the peace process. Turkey's campaign against the PKK is complicating the U.S. war on IS militants, which has relied heavily on Syrian Kurdish fighters affiliated with Turkey's Kurdish rebels. Government critics and Kurdish activists accuse the government of reigniting the conflict in a bid to win nationalist votes and erode support for the country's pro-Kurdish party in possible new elections in the fall. Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency has claimed that some 260 rebels were killed in the air raids against PKK targets in northern Iraq. The PKK has not reported on its casualties. Kurdish activists said, however, that the Turkish airstrikes had destroyed at least six homes in the town of Zargel on Saturday, killing at least eight civilians and wounding 12. □

Syrian rebel group leaves its HQ after clash with al-Qaida

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Clashes between members of al-Qaida's branch in Syria and a rebel faction in the country's north believed to have been trained by the U.S. government have stopped after the rebels abandoned their headquarters, activists said this weekend. The Nusra Front meanwhile released a video showing one of the captured rebels saying that the men in the faction known as Division 30 were trained in Turkey by U.S. officers and sent back to Syria with money and weapons.

The fighting came a few days after the U.S. and Turkey announced the outlines of a deal to help rebels push the Islamic State group back from a strip of territory it controls along the Syrian-Turkish border, replacing it with more moderate rebels backed by Washington and Ankara.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said members of the Division 30 faction fled to a nearby area controlled by a Syrian Kurdish militia. Abu al-Hassan Marea, a Syrian activist who is currently in Turkey near the Syrian border, confirmed Saturday that Division 30 fighters have withdrawn from their headquarters.

Abdurrahman and Marea said Division 30 had less than 60 fighters and that on Friday alone the group lost five fighters and 18 others were wounded.

A representative of Division 30 did not respond to written questions sent to the group's Facebook account. On Friday night the Nusra Front said it attacked Division 30 and abducted some of its members, including its commander, because they were trained by the CIA and vowed in a statement to cut off "the arms" of the American government in Syria. During the fighting, U.S.-led coalition warplanes attacked the Nusra Front fighters according to activists.

On Saturday Nusra Front posted a video showing the operation in which several Division 30 members were captured and the aftermath of the U.S.-led coalition airstrike. Five men were seen being taken with their hands behind their heads.

One of the alleged rebels captured by Nusra Front identified himself as Zakaria Ahmad Safsout from the northwestern village of Jbala saying he was asked by a rebel commander to go to Aleppo where he guarded a post. He said that after spending between 10 to 20 days in Aleppo, fighters were sent to Turkey for a 45-day training program that ended with each rebel being given an M16 assault rifle as well as \$400 and 400 Turkish Liras (\$150). "They then send them back to Syria to fight the Nusra Front," the man, with a light beard said while standing in front of what appeared to be sand bags in a field. "There are senior American officers and telecommunications equipment so that (rebels) communicate with the coalition."

A masked Nusra Front fighter also appeared in the video saying his group has "cut of the hands of the West and Americans." □

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Malaysia seeks help in finding more possible MH370 debris



Workers for an association responsible for maintaining paths to Jamaica beach from being overgrown by shrubs, search the beach for possible additional airplane debris near the shore where an airplane wing part was washed up, in the early morning near to Saint-Denis on the north coast of the Indian Ocean island of Reunion Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.

(AP Photo/Fabrice Wislez)

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Associated Press
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysian officials said Sunday that they would seek help from territories near the island where a suspected piece of the missing Malaysia Airlines jet was discovered to try to find more plane debris. A new piece of debris,

meanwhile, found on Sunday on the French island of Reunion in the western Indian Ocean turned out to be a "domestic ladder," and doesn't belong to a plane, Malaysian Director General of Civil Aviation Azharuddin Abdul Rahman told The Associated Press amid media reports that a new plane part was found. Malaysian government

officials will ask territories near Reunion to alert them if they find any debris that could be from a plane, a transport ministry official said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media. A wing flap suspected to be from the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 was found Wednesday on Re-

union. It arrived Saturday at a French military testing facility, where it will be analyzed by experts.

Air safety investigators, including one from Boeing, have identified the component as a flaperon from the trailing edge of a Boeing 777 wing, a U.S. official has said. Flight 370 is the only missing 777 and many are convinced the flap comes from the ill-fated jet. The new piece of debris found on a beach near the town of Saint-Denis on Sunday morning had nothing to do with the investigation involving the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, Rahman said.

"I'm the one leading the investigation in France for the analysis of the (wing flap) piece brought back. I read all over media it (the

new debris) was part of a door," he told the AP by phone from France. "But I checked with the Civil Aviation Authority, and people on the ground in Reunion, and it was just a domestic ladder."

Malaysia's transport ministry confirmed Sunday that the flaperon that was found has been identified as being from a 777, saying it had been verified by French authorities together with Boeing, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board and a Malaysian team.

Experts will try to establish whether the part comes from Flight 370, which disappeared on March 8, 2014, while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board. □

France:

Police disperse migrants at Channel Tunnel

ANDREW DRAKE
Associated Press
COQUELLES, France (AP) — French riot police have sprayed migrants with a chemical irritant as they tried to storm the Channel Tunnel, and the British and French interior ministers said the nightly attempts to reach Britain are part of a "global migration crisis" that needs an international solution. The migrants, who broke down several security fences early Sunday, were forced to retreat

by riot police as they attempted to breach the final fence near the entrance of the 50-kilometer (30-mile) tunnel under the English Channel. The migrants, estimated to number around 200 by an Associated Press journalist, faced off for close to an hour with security forces, chanting slogans including: "Open the border" and "We are not animals." Thousands of migrants have been scaling fences near the tunnel, often re-

ferred to as the Chunnel, in recent weeks, trying to hop on freight trains or trucks destined for Britain. One man was fatally crushed by a truck. Most of the migrants have fled war, dictatorship and poverty in Africa and the Middle East, entering Europe Greece or Italy before heading north. Many think Britain offers the best prospects, because of the English language, welfare benefits and the perceived ease of getting a job. □

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Russian military helicopter crashes during air show, 1 dead

V. ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian military helicopter from an elite aerobatic squadron crashed Sunday during an air show, killing one pilot and injuring another, the Defense Ministry said, the latest in a series of accidents that have dogged the nation's air force this year.

The Mi-28 helicopter gunship was part of a flight of helicopters from the Berkut aerobatics team performing stunts at the Dubrovichi firing range in Ryazan region, about 170 kilometers (105 miles) southeast of Moscow, when it went down. The Defense Ministry said the second pilot who survived the crash was in satisfactory condition.

There was no damage on the ground, and the Defense Ministry emphasized that the flights were conducted at a safe distance from the crowd and there was no danger for those who watched the air show. The footage broadcast by Russian television showed four gunships performing stunts and firing flares. One helicopter is then seen spinning down fast, hitting the ground and then exploding. The first pilot, Lt.-Col. Igor Butenko, was killed.

"There are situations when it's impossible to survive no matter how well-trained the pilot is," Butenko's son, an air force academy cadet, told Russia's Lifenews online portal.

The surviving pilot said the crash was caused by the



A Russian military helicopter burns after crashing during an aerobatic display in Dubrovichi, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, killing one of its crew members and injuring another. The Mi-28 helicopter gunship was part of a flight of helicopters performing aerobatics at the Dubrovichi firing range in Ryazan region, about 105 miles southeast of Moscow, when it crashed Sunday.

(Anton Nasonov, RZN.info/Photo via AP)

failure of the helicopter's hydraulic system.

Russian air force chief Viktor Bondarev ordered the grounding of the military's Mi-28 fleet pending an investigation.

The Mi-28 is a two-seat attack helicopter replacing

older Soviet-built gunships in the Russian inventory. It has been sold to Iraq and Kenya, among others countries.

Sunday's show was part of the International Army Games, competitions involving troops from Russia

and several other nations at shooting ranges across Russia that began Saturday.

The games are part of Kremlin efforts to show off Russia's resurgent military might amid tensions with the West over Ukraine. □



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UK police:

3 bin Ladens killed in England plane crash

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Three relatives of the late al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden were among four people killed when a private jet crashed on landing in southern England, British police confirmed Saturday.

The Hampshire Police force said formal post-mortems were still being conducted, but the victims were believed to be "the mother, sister and brother-in-law of the owner of the aircraft, all of whom are from the bin Laden family." It said all three were Saudi nationals who were visiting Britain on vacation. The plane's Jordanian pilot also died.

Arab media and NBC News named the relatives as Osama Bin Laden's step-mother Rajaa Hashim, his sister Sana bin Laden and her husband Zuhair Hashim. Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Britain, Prince Mohammed Bin Nawaf Bin Abdel-Aziz, offered his condolences to the wealthy bin Laden family, which owns a major construction company in Saudi Arabia.

"The embassy will follow up on the incident and its circumstances with the concerned British authorities and work on speeding up the handover of the bodies of the victims to the kingdom for prayer and burial,"

the ambassador said in a statement tweeted by the embassy.

Police said the Embraer Phenom 300 executive jet crashed into a parking lot and burst into flames while trying to land at Blackbushe Airport in southern England Friday afternoon.

The plane was flying from Malpensa Airport in Milan to the airfield about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southwest of London, which is used by private planes and flying clubs.

No one on the ground was hurt. Police and the Air Accidents Investigation Branch launched a joint investigation. □



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Mali: 2 soldiers killed, 5 injured in convoy ambush

BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Two Malian soldiers were killed and five were injured when their convoy was ambushed in the center of the country, a defense official said Sunday. The attack occurred Saturday on the road between

the central towns of Nampala and Diabaly, roughly 400 kilometers (250 miles) by road north of the capital, Bamako, said Lt. Col. Diarran Diakite, a defense ministry adviser. "At this time we can't say anything about the identity of those behind this ambush, but it's clear that

they are against the peace process," Diakite said. Mali's northern half fell under the control of Islamic extremists following a military coup in 2012. A French-led military intervention in 2013 scattered the extremists from the north's cities and towns, though the region remains insecure de-

spite the presence of U.N. peacekeepers. In recent months, violence has extended south. In March, a masked gunman opened fire at a restaurant popular with foreigners in Bamako, killing five people. In late June, gunmen killed three soldiers in an attack on a village near the bor-

der with Mauritania, then followed that up the next day by briefly occupying a village near the border with Ivory Coast. The Ansar Dine extremist group later said it was behind those attacks. Mali's government signed a peace deal with Tuareg separatist rebels earlier this year. □

Nigeria: Review of soldiers condemned in Boko Haram war

MICHELLE FAUL
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria's army is reviewing the courts-martial of more than 600 soldiers and officers, including dozens condemned to death for allegedly deserting the battle against Islamic extremists, according to an order received by The Associated Press on Sunday. The review comes three months after the inauguration of President Muhammadu Buhari, who has vowed to crush the Boko Haram Islamic uprising which has spilled across Nigeria's borders. An order signed by army administrator Maj. Gen. A. B. Abubakar and dated July 31 requires all accused and condemned soldiers to appear in northern Kaduna city before a committee sitting Aug. 7



Soldiers accused of refusing to fight in the country's northeastern Islamic uprising appear prior to a court martial in Abuja, Nigeria. Nigeria's army is reviewing the court-martials of more than 600 soldiers and officers, including dozens condemned to death for allegedly deserting the battle against Islamic extremists, according to an order received by The Associated Press on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. (AP Photo/Olamikan Gbemiga)

to Aug. 24 "to screen and assess all disciplinary cases arising from erstwhile Op Zaman Lafiya" against Boko Haram. Seventy-two soldiers were condemned to death by three courts-martial last year for alleged cowardice, mutiny, aiding the enemy and other charges. Another 579 are before ongoing courts-martial. Human rights lawyer Femi Falana has called the trials "a travesty" held in secret because the soldiers' evidence is a condemnation of Nigeria's military establishment — indicating corrupt officers often divert money meant for salaries and arms. Soldiers have described being sent into battle with no rations and just 30 bullets each, and fleeing when their ammunition runs out. □

Official: Top Burundi general assassinated in the capital

G. NZOHABONA
Associated Press

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — A Burundi general who was a key security ally of President Pierre Nkurunziza was killed Sunday in a drive-by shooting in the capital, Bujumbura, a presidential spokesman said. Gen. Adolphe Nshimirimana, the president's senior adviser on security

matters, was killed when men in a car shot at him and his bodyguards in the Kamenge neighborhood, Willy Nyamitwe told The Associated Press Sunday. The attackers also lobbed a grenade into Nshimirimana's vehicle, he said. The general was taken from the car and later died from his wounds, said Nyamitwe. The killing is likely to stoke

tensions in Burundi, which has been wracked by violence since April when Nkurunziza sought a third term in office. Nkurunziza's bid to extend his time in power sparked frequent street protests in Bujumbura that were violently repressed by authorities. More than 100 people died in the unrest, and more than 100,000 people have fled

the country fearing further violence. Nshimirimana, a feared military officer who at different times served as army chief of staff and the country's intelligence chief, was widely seen as a key member of Nkurunziza's security team who helped put down an attempted coup in May. There was no claim of responsibility for Nshimiri-

mana's assassination and police did not comment. Nkurunziza won the July 21 presidential polls with 69 percent of the vote. The international community condemned the elections as not credible because of violence, intimidation, media restrictions and questions over the legitimacy of a third term for Nkurunziza. □



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Journalist slain in Mexico City had signs of torture

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials said Sunday they are pursuing all lines of investigation into the torture and killing of a photojournalist whose body was found in Mexico City, where he had fled because of harassment in his home state. But the killings may have had to do more with the four women found dead alongside Ruben Espinosa, 31, who worked for the investigative magazine Proceso and other media, Mexico City prosecutor Rodolfo Rios Garza said in news conference.

Rios did not identify the other victims, only giving their ages as 18, 29, 32 and 40. He said they are focusing on the crime as a femicide, though they have



Journalists hold a late night vigil to protest against the latest murder of a fellow journalist in Veracruz, Mexico. A photographer for the Mexican investigative magazine Proceso was among five people found slain this weekend in an apartment in Mexico City, according to the magazine. Sign in the front says: "Photojournalist murdered for denouncing (Veracruz state governor Javier) Duarte".

(AP Photo/Felix Marquez)

not discarded other motives. Espinosa sustained severe injuries to his face before he was killed, said Dario Ramirez, director of the Article 19 free press advocacy group. Rios said all of the victims were shot in the head with a 9 mm weapon. They showed signs of resisting and had abrasions from fighting back. Espinosa and the women were found dead late Friday in an apartment in a middle-class neighborhood near central Mexico City. The women showed signs of sexual assault before being shot, Ramirez said. The building was in range of several security cameras on the street and Rios said they have video evidence in the crime, though he did not elaborate. Ramirez said he urged prosecutors to make Espinosa's work the main line of investigation as a motive for his killing.

Article 19 had published an alert about Espinosa on June 15 after he reported unknown people following him, taking his photograph and harassing him outside his home in Xalapa, the capital of the Gulf coast state Veracruz, where 11 journalists have been killed just in current administration of Gov. Javier Duarte.

Peru reports Shining Path captives rescued

FRANK BAJAK,
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peruvian security forces rescued 54 adults and children, mostly members of the Ashaninka indigenous group, who had been held by Shining Path rebels in a remote jungle region, government officials said. Anti-terrorism police chief Gen. Jose Baella said some

of the adults were kidnapped between 20 and 30 years ago from Puerto Ocopa and nearby towns back when the rebel movement was still strong. Baella said the women were used to produce child soldiers for the guerrillas and grow crops for them. The oldest of the 34 children was 14, he said this weekend.

Independent security expert Pedro Yaranga said the rescue was not a serious blow to the drug-trafficking Shining Path remnant that operates in the area, but does show how weak it has become. "These children and the captive mass had been abandoned and were on their own, very far from the place where the columns

and the camps of the rebels and their children are located," he said. The group was rescued by a special forces unit comprised of soldiers and police in helicopter-borne missions on Friday and Monday, said Baella. Members of the group have been reunited with relatives they had not seen for decades, he added.

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Associated Press

Troubles for NFL haven't slowed down

ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

Shattered cellphones. Fireworks accidents. Failed drug tests.

The NFL's endless aggravation raged through an offseason marked by more crime and punishment, rules violations by owners, and the never-ending "Deflategate" saga.

The latest black eye came from Pro Bowl defensive end Sheldon Richardson, who addressed his recent doping suspension by telling his teammates and coaches as they reported to training camp that "they don't have to worry about my name being in the news again."

A short time later, reports surfaced of Richardson being charged with resisting arrest and multiple traffic violations in an incident in Missouri this month. Police clocked him going 143 mph (230 kph) and found a loaded gun in his Bentley, and a 12-year-old boy among his passengers.

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Merritt finishes off first PGA Tour win with birdie

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Troy Merritt watches his putt on the 15th green during the final round of the Quicken Loans National golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. Merritt won the tournament at 18-under-par.

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Park wins Women's British Open, captures 4th different major

STEVE DOUGLAS

AP Sports Writer

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP)

— As Inbee Park hunted down Jin-Young Ko in the final stretch of the Women's British Open, it quickly became clear which South

Korean was the rookie and which was the player about to add another chapter in golf's record book.

The top-ranked Park picked up seven shots in her last 12 holes, pressured her 20-year-old protege

so much she finally lost her nerve, and completed a 7-under 65 at Turnberry to capture the trophy she thought she may never win. Park won by three shots on 12-under 276 for a seventh major title, becoming just



Inbee Park of South Korea poses with the trophy after winning the Women's British Open golf championship at the Turnberry golf course in Turnberry, Scotland, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.

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the seventh female player to win four different majors — after Louise Suggs, Mickey Wright, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster, Karrie Webb and Annika Sorenstam.

"I don't know what else to go for now," said Park, who has won six of the last 14 majors to cement her status as the best player of her generation.

How about ending the debate about clinching the so-called career Grand Slam?

The LPGA Tour is calling Park's achievement just that. However, Park hasn't won the France-based Evian Championship since it was given the status of a fifth major in 2013. She did win the Evian in 2012.

The Evian is staged next month, when Park can complete definitively what some are calling the "Super Slam."

"I feel like I've won all the majors in women's golf," Park said, attempting to

put a stop to the discussion. "Every major was very, very special to me. But to wrap it up with the British Open is just much more special ... This is definitely the golfer's most-wanted trophy."

Ko is just at the start of her golfing journey.

Playing her first major, her first tournament outside Asia and with a temporary, locally born caddie giving her advice on every shot, Ko began the last round tied for the lead and pulled three shots clear of a bunched-up chasing pack containing Park after a 20-foot putt for birdie on No. 10. She had already eagled the par-3 No. 7 with a 25-foot putt and rolled in a birdie of similar length at No. 8.

Her composure was stunning, considering the uncharted territory she was in. Ko had never played links golf before this week.

That was when Park made her move. □

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Merritt shoots 67 to win Quicken Loans National



Troy Merritt waves to the gallery as he walks up to the 16th green during the Quicken Loans National golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015. Associated Press

HANK KURZ Jr.

AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) —

Troy Merritt walked to the final tee with a three-shot lead and slapped hands with fans on both sides of the ropes, knowing he had all but wrapped up his first PGA Tour title.

Not bad for a player who had missed five cuts in a row coming into the Quicken Loans National.

Merritt shot a 4-under 67 on Sunday and finished his first career victory in 96 starts with a flourish, rolling in a 34-foot putt for birdie on the 72nd hole. After the putt fell, he raised his hands, looked toward the crowd and shrugged his shoulders, as if to say that it was the perfect way to finish.

The victory came a day after Merritt soared to the lead with a tournament-record 61 at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, and his closing 67 matched the best of the day on another sweltering afternoon.

He finished at 18-under 266.

Rickie Fowler, who started the day one shot off the lead, also made a birdie on the final hole to claim second place at 15 under, and David Lingmerth was third, but both had up-and-down rounds. Fowler shot a 69 that featured seven birdies and five bogeys, and Lingmerth's 69 included five birdies and three bogeys.

Merritt, who appeared to be walking in place as he

set up for each shot, being sure to get his feet in exactly the right position, lost the lead only briefly on the final day and stumbled just once, with a three-putt bogey at the par-4 12th, the most difficult hole on the course. He made five birdies.

For much of the day, the tournament seemed destined to become a duel between Merritt and Bill Haas, who had six birdies in his first 10 holes and got to 17 under, tied with Merritt and three clear of the rest of the field. But Haas struggled to find the fairway on the back nine, making four bogeys and a double bogey in the final seven holes and leaving Merritt in position to win it by just making pars.

He did more than that, also knocking an 8-iron to 3 feet on the par-3 16th.

It helped that all of the expected challengers faltered.

Fowler, one shot back at the start, had three bogeys on the front nine.

Lingmerth, who once shared the lead with Haas and Merritt at 15 under, followed with a bad bogey at the par-5 eighth, the first of three bogeys over the closing 10 holes that kept him from making a move.

Haas wound up with a 70 and shared fourth at 12 under with defending champion Justin Rose and four others.

Merritt, meantime, never looked as though the stage was too much.

He opened with a birdie to take sole possession of the lead, and made two more to turn at 3 under. His bogey at the difficult 12th dropped him into a tie with Haas at 16 under, but Haas then crumbled.

Tiger Woods made a run at contention with birdies on five of his first 10 holes to get to 10 under, but with a huge crowd following and shouting encourage-

ment with every swing, he missed 3-foot putt at No. 11, the first of three bogeys in four holes that killed his chances of making a serious charge.

His bogey on the 12th came despite one of the best shots of the tournament. After hitting his drive well right and into a hazard, he took a drop and then hit a blind 5-wood to the back fringe of the

green, about 15 feet from the cup. His bid for par buzzed the right edge of the hole, but did not fall.

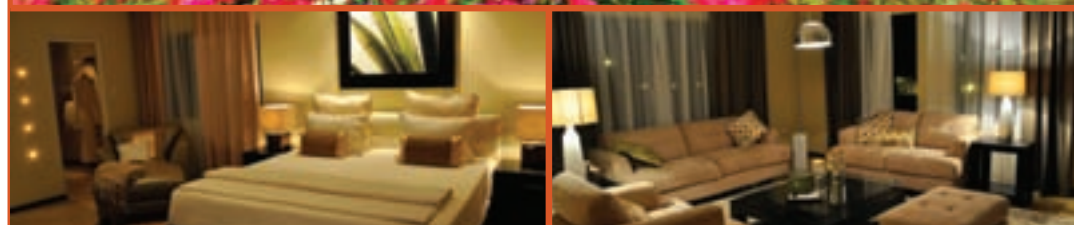
Woods finished with a 68 to tie for 18th at 8 under.

Woods rose from No. 195 to No. 185 in the FedEx Cup rankings and has just three weeks left to climb into the top 125 and qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs, but said that that is not his focus. □

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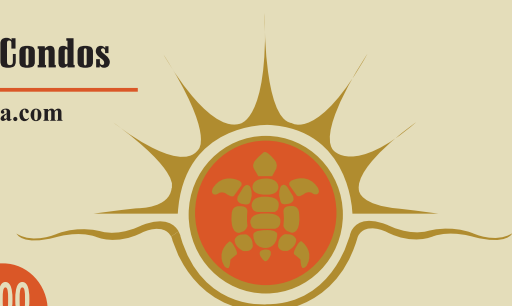


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Kenseth stretches his fuel and steals a win at Pocono

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) —

Joey Logano was the first leader to fade, his tank empty with three laps left. Martin Truex Jr. struck E with two laps to go.

Kyle Busch knew his Toyota was about out, too, his shot at a fourth straight win tapped out on the last lap. One by one, fuel woes cost the contenders. But the pain at the pump for drivers pushing toward the finish line was the break Matt Kenseth needed to coast past them all in the final thrilling laps Sunday to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Pocono Raceway.

The 400-mile race came down to fuel and which cars had it — and which ones didn't.



Matt Kenseth smokes his tires after winning the NASCAR Pocono 400 auto race, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, in Long Pond, Pa.
Associated Press

"I couldn't catch them to get as close as I could anyway but I just wanted in case they ran out," Kens-

eth said.

Once they ran out, Kenseth not only had enough left in the tank to win, he pulled off a celebratory burnout. Kenseth's win continued the sensational summer run for Joe Gibbs Racing, making it five wins in the last six races. Busch, who had the other victories, failed in his bid to become the ninth driver since 1972 and the first since Jimmie Johnson in 2007 to win four straight Cup races.

Busch had won three straight Cup races and four of five, swept the Xfinity and Cup races last weekend at Indianapolis and won the Truck Series event Saturday at Pocono. Busch remained outside the top 30 in points, the second marker he needs to hit to qualify for the Chase.

"I wish I had saved a little more," Busch said. "I wish I had known (Logano) was that far from making it. It's a shame we couldn't get it done." With a win, Busch would have had the points needed to at least crack the top 30, though he'd have to stay there for the

final five races before the 16-driver field is set for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

"We got greedy," Busch said. "But that's the position we're in."

Truex was 19th, Logano 20th, and Busch 21st.

"I was saving fuel just to cushion it," Logano said. "I thought I was going to be good and then I started running out and knew we weren't going to make it. We were so close. You are counting down the laps in your head thinking you are going to make it but just didn't do it."

Brad Keselowski was second, followed by Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Greg Biffle.

Kenseth had the only position that mattered, winning for the second time this season and for the first time ever at Pocono.

"I never thought I'd win at Pocono," he said.

Kenseth won the fuel gamble and survived a race that resembled a demolition derby: Cars, crews, walls, equipment, all took beatings over 400 miles.

Kasey Kahne kicked off a race stuffed with carnage when his No. 5 got loose, found the opening to pit road and slammed the inside pit road wall. Kahne's hit buckled the wall, sent helmets flying and crew members scurrying for safety.

"I saw the people and I thought to myself that those guys need to take off running and get out of the way," Kahne said.

The race was red-flagged for about 15 minutes while the wall was repaired. No one was hurt.

Pit road proved a dangerous place.

Keselowski slid through his pit stall and took out three members of his crew. □

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NFL's Endless Troubles

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The anguish won't end when the Philadelphia Eagles and Indianapolis Colts become the last teams to report to camp over the weekend. Tom Brady's lawsuit seeking to overturn his four-game suspension will hang over the league until a resolution is reached.

flated footballs in the AFC Championship.

Brady sued the league after Goodell upheld his four-game suspension this week, with the commissioner ruling the NFL's biggest name destroyed his cellphone to obstruct the inquiry by investigator Ted Wells.

Judge Richard Berman, who has been assigned to the case, told all sides

“Former Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

“Hall of Famer Warren Sapp was fired from his TV gig after allegedly assaulting two women.

“John Bowlen, the son of Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, a marketing employee with the team and a potential successor to his father, was arrested for

ville's rookie minicamp. Twenty-four hours later, tight end Jeff Heuerman, Denver's third-round selection, tore his left ACL covering a kickoff.

On July 4, two players were injured in fireworks mishaps.

Tampa Bay placed cornerback C.J. Wilson on the injured reserve/retired list while he recovers from losing two fingers on his right hand. The New York Giants, however, have no firsthand knowledge about the extent of the hand inju-

ries Pro Bowl defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul sustained in his fireworks accident in Florida. The Giants pulled a long-term contract offer after his accident. Co-owner John Mara said the Giants are aware of reports Pierre-Paul had a finger amputated and broke a thumb in the incident, but the team has not been able to verify that because they haven't been allowed to examine him. “I don't know how many fingers he has,” Mara said.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady heads to the field for practice at an NFL football training camp Friday, July 31, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. Associated Press

America can't wait until the attention turns back to the field.

“There's a lot of positivity going on in the league,” Denver Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. “It's just that 10 percent that's negative, that's the news. That's what people want to see and want to read. Unfortunately, that's not what you want as a league.

“So, right now it's good to start football. That's what fans want to see: Guys on the field making plays. So, it's a good thing that football is back.”

He'll find no arguments from the league office.

Just a month after Commissioner Roger Goodell handed him the Super Bowl MVP trophy, Brady refused to hand over his cellphone when the NFL delved into allegations the New England Patriots surreptitiously used underin-

to “tone down their rhetoric,” and wrote, “The earth is already sufficiently scorched, in the Court's view.”

Brady's suspension is the enduring footprint of an offseason in which the league was sullied on a seemingly daily basis.

This, after a 2014 season marked by domestic abuse cases that placed the names Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson, and Greg Hardy in the spotlight for their off-field misbehavior. Goodell declared at his annual state-of-the-league address that the NFL made “enormous progress” on social issues after the incessant barrage of disturbing developments in 2014. Yet, this offseason featured a steady stream of player arrests, doping suspensions, and owners getting penalized for violating various rules.

Also in the headlines:

allegedly pushing his girlfriend against a bathroom wall.

The draft was marked by prospects Shane Ray and Randy Gregory watching their stock slip over marijuana issues.

La'el Collins, another potential first-rounder, fell out of the draft entirely because of a police probe that turned up no involvement in the shooting death of a woman he knew. He eventually signed with Dallas.

Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston, with a hefty list of his own difficulties, went No. 1 to Tampa Bay.

Less than a week after all the hugs and handshakes of draft weekend, two prized picks suffered season-ending knee injuries.

Defensive end Dante Fowler, the third overall pick, blew out his left knee on the first day of Jackson-

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Pharoah Phestival as Triple Crown winner cruises in Haskell

RICHARD ROSENBLATT

AP Racing Writer

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — A slight nudge was all it took for American Pharoah to seize control of the Haskell Invitational. And when Victor Espinoza asked, the majestic colt delivered an encore performance in his first race since winning the Triple Crown.

"This horse, he just keeps bringing it," trainer Bob Baffert said. "He's just a great horse."

With a record crowd of 60,983 cheering him on Sunday at Monmouth Park, American Pharoah came out of the final turn with a clear lead and cruised to a 2 1/4-length victory while Espinoza barely moved a muscle.

"He ran like a champ," Espinoza said.

After winning the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes to become the 12th Triple Crown winner, and first in 37 years, American Pharoah's return was greatly anticipated. Fifty-seven days after the Belmont, the 3-year-old son of Pioneerof the Nile looked better than ever in his eighth consecutive vic-



American Pharoah #4 with Victor Espinoza riding, won the \$1,750,000 Grade 1 William Hill Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, New Jersey on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.

tory.

"That was nerve-racking," Baffert said after his eighth win in the Haskell, five more than any other trainer. "I was getting pretty nervous."

Sent off at odds of 1-10, American Pharoah became the shortest price winner in Haskell history,

returning \$2.20 for a \$2 win bet. He paid \$2.10 to place and \$2.10 to show.

Keen Ice rallied for second at 18-1 odds, followed by Upstart, Competitive Edge, Top Clearance, Dontbetwithbruno and Mr. Jordan. The winning time for the 1 1/8-mile race was 1:47.95 — 95th hundreds of a sec-

Associated Press
ond off the Haskell record.

American Pharoah's next start is now the biggest question in racing. There's no answer yet, but options include the Travers at Saratoga on Aug. 29, the Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 19, and the Awesome Again at Santa Anita on Sept. 26. "No clue," owner Ahmed Zayat said when asked about his colt's next race. "We're going to enjoy this moment."

If all goes according to plan, American Pharoah will run his final race in the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, on Oct. 31. And then, he's headed down the road to the breeding shed at Coolmore's Ashford Stud.

A few minutes after rocker Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" blared over the speakers as the horses walked onto the track, American Pharoah broke well from post No. 4. But it was Competitive Edge who took the lead. Espino-

za kept his horse in second until the far turn. And then, American Pharoah took off and was all alone in the stretch.

The final margin was deceptive because Espinoza never asked American Pharoah to run any harder than necessary.

"It was pretty easy," Espinoza said. "For me the key was just coming out of there running. I knew that other horse would want to take the lead so I sat back just a little bit. I never like to go head and head with another horse so I sat back maybe half a length behind. He did everything by himself. It was pretty easy, pretty impressive."

American Pharoah followed many of his Triple Crown colleagues by winning his first start after three grueling races in five weeks. Of the 11 others, seven won in their return and one, Count Fleet, was retired after the 1943 Belmont with an injury.

American Pharoah opened his career with a loss before reeling off eight in a row — seven of them Grade 1 races. With the \$1.1 million payday in the Haskell, the son of Pioneerof the Nile's career earnings soared to \$5.6 million. As he was led back to the winner's circle, the cheers continued.

"I couldn't believe the crowd, how loud it was," an emotional Baffert said, his voice breaking. "It was a great crowd. I love bringing my horses here. Thank you for being behind Pharoah the whole way."

The long day at Monmouth Park began with gates opening at 9 a.m., and fans strolling into the Jersey Shore track after waiting in line for hours, some since 5 a.m. But it wasn't until late afternoon until the place looked packed. □



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More online, more on mobile: advertising executive to IOC

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AP Sports Writer

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP) — A leading advertising executive told the IOC on Sunday that the Olympic body needs to stay relevant with the younger generation and concentrate more of its content on the Internet and via mobile devices.

And the once futuristic-sounding technology of virtual reality will likely be part of the planning.

Martin Sorrell, chief executive officer of advertising agency WPP, said the International Olympic Committee was in a unique position because its biggest asset was its live content.

"Live sports coverage is the last bastion of high-value traditional programming," Sorrell said, adding that most consumers want to watch video when and where they choose.

"But they can't do that with live sports. Its power is its immediacy."

Sorrell also told the IOC that it needs to stay current by increasing its on-demand

content and social media.

"It's critical to find your voice more than just 17 days every two years," Sorrell said, referring to the rotation of Summer and Winter Games. "The time is now to engage and inspire, and the Olympic Channel's time has come." Last year, the IOC backed the launch of a digital channel to promote Olympic sports between the games and engage with young viewers. The channel will feature material from the IOC's archives, transmit some international sports competitions and offer a promotional platform for bid cities.

Sorrell said that while the new channel was a good idea, its content was crucial to its success.

"The IOC needs to create a range of content that is more than archive and TV footage," he said. "You have the ultimate story platforms — tell stories about the athletes, their families, friends and dreams."

And he stressed that most



Martin Sorrell, chief executive officer of advertising agency WPP speaks at the 128th International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015.
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of the IOC's efforts should be via mobile platforms.

"Mobile is a critical factor to engage the world," he said. "If the IOC and media partners do not seize the opportunity, it risks losing an entire generation of new audiences."

Sorrell said he expected

the next big communication tool would be virtual reality.

"Digital leaders believe that virtual reality could be the next big thing," he said. "It allows people from remote locations ... to experience a 360-degree video and sound of a distant

event as if I was present there in person, virtually."

He said the technology could become real time in the future.

"You could put on a pair of goggles as though you were an athlete in the stadium, bringing people to the athletes," he said. □

Online viewers won't miss Super Bowl ads shown on TV

RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Next year, you won't have to worry about missing the buzziest commercials of the Super Bowl if you can't get to a TV.

In the past, not all advertisers bought online time along with a pricy 30-second spot during the most-watched TV event of the year. That meant online viewers had to go to a Super Bowl ad repository, such as Hulu and YouTube, to watch what they missed

on TV. Broadcasters sometimes ran substitute ads online instead.

This time, CBS says it's making all advertisers buy an online spot with their on-air time, so ads seen during the online simulcast will be the same as the ones on TV.

CBS is broadcasting the next Super Bowl, which will be held in Santa Clara, California, on Feb. 7. It's not known whether this policy will continue after that, as CBS rotates the broadcast with Fox and NBC.

The Super Bowl is one of the rare times people watch ads rather than avoid them, as marketers try to reach more than 110 million Americans at once with ads designed to shock or make us laugh. During this year's game, 30-second ads were selling for \$4.5 million. CBS is aiming to increase that to \$4.7 million, not including what they can get for online playback. CBS wouldn't say how much it gets for online.

As with previous years, the



This Feb. 13, 2012, file photo, shows the CBS logo at the CBS Scene restaurant and bar at Gillette Stadium, in Foxborough, Mass.
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online version will have a slight delay because of the time it takes for the broadcast signal to get converted into computer bits and travel to your device. So

when you hear laughter or cheering in the next room, you might want to check your phone, tablet or laptop to watch it when the online video catches up. □

From rents to haircuts: Americans start to feel price hikes

C. S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Apartment rents are up. So are prices for restaurant meals, haircuts, gym memberships and a cup of coffee.

For American consumers who have become used to

exclude food and energy, which tend to fluctuate sharply, "core" inflation has risen 2.3 percent at an annual rate in the past three months.

— Rents are moving up. The biggest driver of inflation this year has been residential rents. They climbed

5 cents and 20 cents last month.

And beef prices have soared nearly 11 percent in the past year, which has led Chipotle to raise prices for steak and its beef barbacoa by an average of about 30 cents per entree, the company says.



A woman walks out of a Starbucks Coffee with a beverage in hand in New York. Coffee prices jumped 6.1 percent in January from 12 months earlier, the most in nearly three years. Starbucks has responded by raising the price of a cup of coffee by between 5 cents and 20 cents.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

flat or even falling prices for several years, an unfamiliar sight has emerged in many corners of the economy: Inflation is ticking up.

The price increases remain modest. And in many cases, they're canceled out by price declines for other items that are keeping overall inflation historically low.

Yet the stepped-up price tags for a range of consumer items are the largest since the Great Recession ended six years ago. They actually reflect a healthier economy. Many businesses have finally grown confident enough to pass their own higher costs on to consumers without fear of losing customers.

Inflation as measured by the consumer price index has barely risen in the past 12 months, mostly because cheaper gas has held down the index.

But prices are rising. If you

3.5 percent in June from a year earlier, according to government data, the fifth straight month with an annual gain of that size. That is the fastest yearly pace in six years.

Americans are overwhelmingly choosing to rent rather than buy when they first form their own households, government data show. That has driven apartment vacancy rates to the lowest level in 25 years and pushed up rents.

—Eating out is more expensive.

The prices of restaurant meals are also rising more quickly, picking up 3 percent in June from 12 months earlier.

Higher food costs are helping drive the increase. Coffee prices jumped 6.1 percent in January from 12 months earlier, the most in nearly three years. At Starbucks, the price of a cup of coffee went up between

Labor costs are also rising as a growing number of states and cities boost the minimum wage. Chipotle just raised prices 10 percent in San Francisco partly because of that city's minimum wage increase.

—Haircut prices surge.

Haircut prices jumped 1.6 percent in June, the biggest monthly jump in the 62 years that the government has tracked the data. Over the past year, they've gone up 2.8 percent, the largest year-over-year gain since 2008.

That's no surprise to Chrissie Crosby, a retired government worker in Alexandria, Virginia. She says her preferred hair salon has started charging nearly \$30 for a shampoo, blow dry and haircut, up from \$22.

"It used to be a convenient place for a trim, because it was inexpensive, but it's no longer very inexpensive," she said. □

Extended slump in oil taking a toll on industry, economy

JONATHAN FAHEY

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As drivers, shippers and airlines continue to enjoy lower fuel prices, the oil industry is responding to much lower profits with sharp cuts in spending and employment that are hurting economic growth.

Low oil and gas prices are good for the overall economy because they reduce costs for consumers and business. U.S. economic growth was higher in the second quarter, and economists say that was partly fueled by consumers spending some of their savings on gasoline at stores and restaurants.

But with oil prices down around 50 percent from last year, major oil companies are cutting back, offsetting some of this good news. For instance, Exxon Mobil said this weekend it cut spending by \$1.54 billion in the second quarter, while Chevron announced it is laying off 1,500 workers. Until about six months ago, booming U.S. oil and gas production was helping the country's economy grow during a time of economic sluggishness.

David Kelly, chief global strategist at J.P. Morgan Asset Management, said this week that a \$29 billion decline in oil exploration and mining activity in the U.S. cut economic growth by 0.7 percent in the second quarter, a sizable chunk for an economy that grew 2.3 percent. Investors also feel the pain. Lower oil profits have an outsized effect on stock markets because the companies are so enormous. Analysts at RBC Capital Markets wrote that when oil prices drop by 10 percent, earnings for the overall S&P 500 fall by 1 percent.

Industry layoffs seem to be accelerating. Royal Dutch Shell, while announcing Thursday that profits fell 25 percent in the second quarter, said it would cut its global workforce by 6,500. Chevron's quarterly profit fell 90 percent and CEO John Watson said the company is reducing its workforce "to reflect lower activity levels going forward."

Layoffs at three of the big oil and gas service companies are near 60,000 after two of them, Halliburton and Baker Hughes, revealed further layoffs in quarterly filings last week.

BP CFO Brian Gilvary told investors Thursday that the company has been cutting workers "and I think you'll see more of that before we get to the end of the year." BP's oil and gas profit dropped 64 percent from April through June.

Exxon Mobil's profit fell by half, to its lowest level since the recession of 2009, the company said Friday. Its operations in the U.S. — the center of the global oil and gas boom — posted its second straight quarterly loss.

"The surprise really was here in the U.S.," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones.

Shares of Exxon and Chevron, both components of the 20-member Dow Jones Industrial Average, fell 4 percent on Friday after they announced results.

The companies are in some ways victims of their own success. A surge in oil and gas production brought on by technological advances and high prices in recent years has flooded the market, sending global prices sharply lower.

But geopolitical forces have also increased the pressure on prices. Iranian oil is poised to return the world market after years of sanctions, the Greek debt crisis is reducing economic growth in Europe and a shake-up in Chinese financial markets is reducing demand growth in the world's second largest oil consumer.

After nearly four years near \$100 a barrel, the price of oil began slumping a year ago, falling to \$43 by March. It surged briefly all the way to \$61 in June, but then fell again. Oil traded just above \$47 a barrel on Friday. □

Can US housing industry's comeback endure? The outlook dims

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. housing market has sizzled this summer, lifting expectations that home sales will finally help drive an economic expansion now in its seventh year.

Or will it?

Signs are emerging that housing's momentum may be destined to falter in coming months. Analysts note that some of the key foundations needed to sustain a brisk pace of home-buying in the long run appear to be missing.

The U.S. economy had only just begun to derive strength from housing for the first time since the Great Recession began in 2007. If home sales flag, that strength would fizzle.

The main problem is also the simplest: There just aren't enough homes available. Robust demand has failed to draw many sellers into the market. And few in the industry foresee a flurry of home listings arriving soon.

Other pressures will also likely slow sales. Steadily rising home prices can put ownership out of reach for some. What's more, builders are increasingly focused on apartment construction rather than single-family homes.

And then there are mortgage rates, which have crept up from recent lows and made it incrementally harder for some would-

be buyers already struggling to afford a purchase. Some buyers are rushing to finalize deals for fear that rates will keep rising — a trend that could depress demand later this year.

"What we fear is next is if in-

cording to the National Association of Realtors. In June, they hit an annual rate of 5.49 million, a pace last achieved before the recession began. And sales of new homes have jumped 21 percent

tional median sales price for homes last month reached \$236,400, the highest ever recorded, the Realtors said.

For many would-be buyers, those higher prices are manageable if mortgage rates remain ultra-low. In June, the average 30-year fixed mortgage was 3.8 percent. The average has since topped 4 percent as the Federal Reserve has moved toward raising a key interest rate from its near-zero level. When the Fed last prepared to curtail its stimulus efforts in 2013, rates spiked and home sales sank.

Though only modestly up, the higher mortgage rates are having a dampening effect, according an index of buyer demand released Thursday by the national real estate brokerage Redfin. It expects a slowdown in the growth of sales and prices as buyers pursue less expensive homes.

"Interest rates are having an effect," said Nela Richardson, chief economist at Redfin. "It's making buyers a bit more conservative." In some key markets, prices have begun to stagnate as buyers seem to be retreating. A majority of homes in Chicago, Phoenix, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., either lost value or basically flat-lined during May, according to a study by Weiss Residential Research.

Weiss' analysis points to

a contributing factor for the shortage of available homes: Many homeowners can't find affordable homes themselves and so can't list their own properties for sale.

"The reason why demand is high relative to supply is that homeowners are having a hard time moving up," said Allan Weiss, founder of Weiss Residential Research. "There is gridlock."

In addition, many Americans remain squeezed by sluggish pay raises and have chosen to continue to rent. And some who do want to buy are unmoved by the limited selection and have decided to wait, said Tony Smith, a real estate broker in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"Buyers are leaving the market because they don't have anything to buy," Smith said. "Some of them get frustrated and sign another lease."

Indeed, home ownership is declining, and renting has surged. Fewer than 64 percent of Americans own homes, the lowest level since 1989, according to the Census Bureau. The share of people under age 35 who own has dropped to around 35 percent from a high of 44 percent in 2004.

Marina Rodriguez, a 26 year-old dental hygienist, recently signed a lease on a one-bedroom apartment in suburban Chicago. □



This photo shows a sign in front of a home for sale in Roswell, Ga. The U.S. housing market has sizzled this summer and raised hopes that housing will finally help accelerate a U.S. economic recovery now in its seventh year. Yet sales have improved so fast that many see signs that housing will likely lose momentum, for reasons ranging from too few homes for sale to the preference of some would-be buyers to keep renting to a still-slow pace of house construction.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore)

terest rates rise and prices rise," said Deborah Heffernan, a Boston-area broker. "That combination will definitely eliminate people from the market."

Early this spring, buyers leapt back into the market. Mortgage rates were just slightly above their 2012 lows, and nearly two years of solid job growth had generated millions of new paychecks.

Sales of existing homes have surged 9.6 percent in the past 12 months, ac-

through the first half of 2015, the government reported recently.

But an unusual trend has taken hold: Stronger home sales have yet to motivate many people to put their homes on the market. Listings for existing homes have barely edged up in the past year. And the pace of home building remains subpar compared with previous economic expansions.

With buyer demand outstripping supply, the na-

Yahoo tries to get more fashionable with Polyvore purchase

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Yahoo is buying style-tip specialist Polyvore in its latest attempt to become a more fashionable place to advertise.

Financial terms of the deal announced this weekend haven't been disclosed, signaling the price of the acquisition isn't considered to be significant.

Polyvore is an 8-year-old startup that specializes in connecting merchants with consumers browsing for ideas on clothing, health, beauty and home decor products. Good



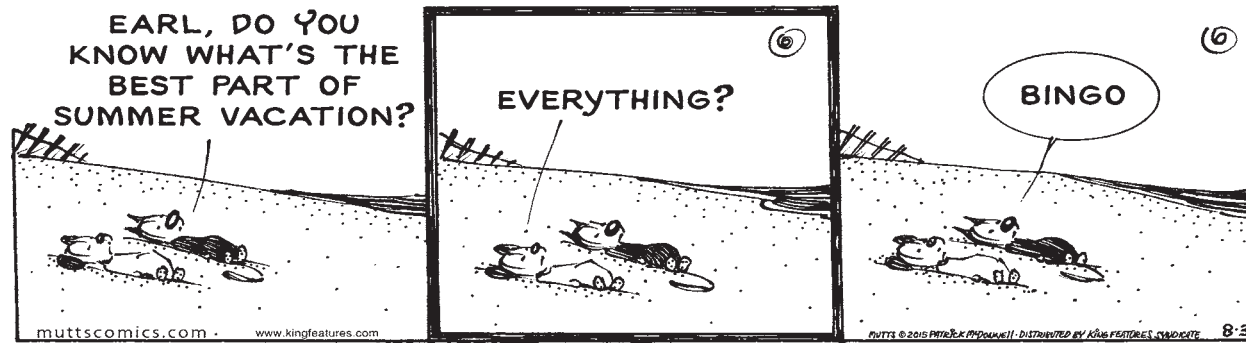
In this photo the web pages of Yahoo and Tumblr are displayed on a computer screen in New York. Yahoo is buying style-tip specialist Polyvore in its latest attempt to become a more fashionable place to advertise.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

Housekeeping magazine once dubbed the service a "fashionista's playground." Yahoo plans to tap into Polyvore's taste-making skills and loyal consumer following to sell more ads in its digital magazines focusing on style and beauty. The acquisition will join dozens of other mostly small deals that have been engineered by Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer during the past three years in an attempt to boost advertising sales. The results have been lackluster so far, barely budging Yahoo's

revenue. Earlier this week, Yahoo released a financial forecast calling for little or no growth in its revenue, after subtracting ad commissions, during the current quarter that will end in September. The acquisition, which hasn't closed yet, will mark a homecoming for three of Polyvore's co-founders, Jianing Hu, Guangwei Yuan and Pasha Sadri. They are all former Yahoo engineers. Polyvore's website will continue to operate after the deal is completed, according to Yahoo. □

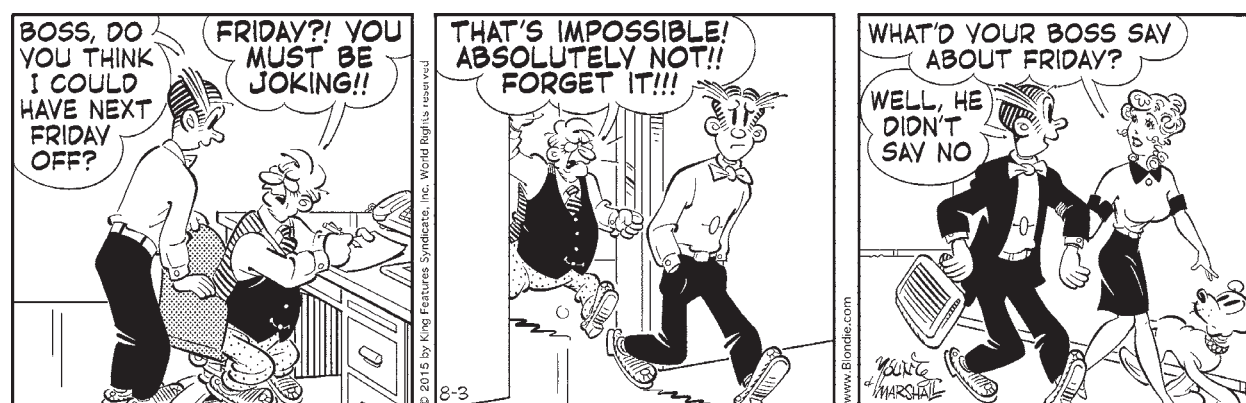
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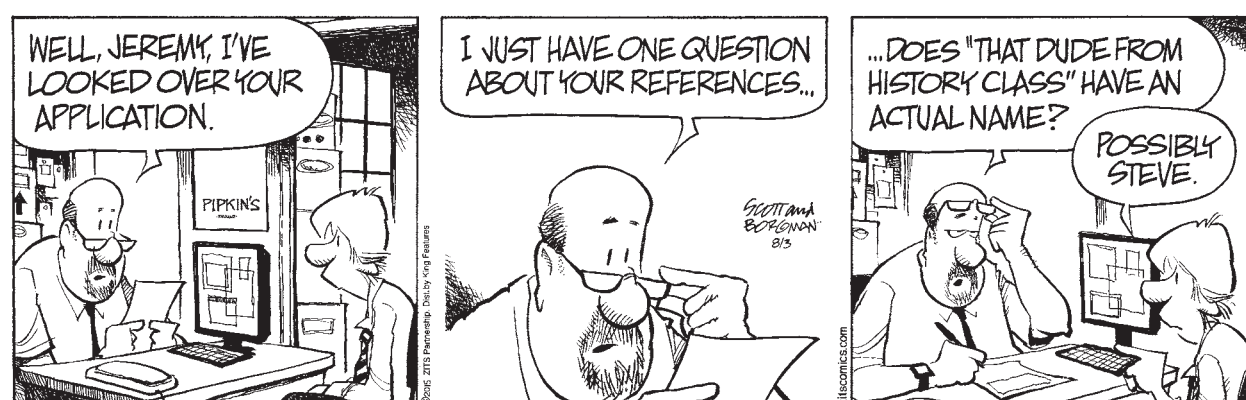
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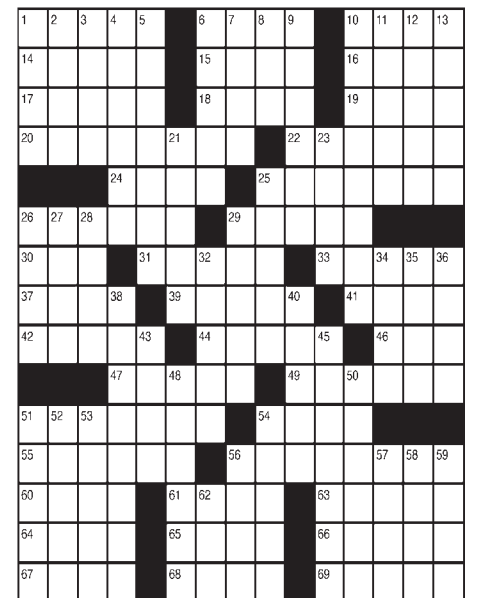
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

5	8	1	2	9	6	7	3	4
7	6	9	5	3	4	8	2	1
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1	3	8	7	6	9	4	5	2
9	7	5	4	2	8	3	1	6
4	2	6	1	5	3	9	7	8
8	5	7	6	4	1	2	9	3
3	1	2	9	8	5	6	4	7
6	9	4	3	7	2	1	8	5

ACROSS

- 1 ___ on; was overly fond of
- 6 Happy
- 10 Collapsed
- 14 Silly
- 15 Scalp problem
- 16 Greenish-blue
- 17 Jailbirds' rooms
- 18 Has ___ in one's pants; is jittery
- 19 Baseball scores
- 20 Exciting adventure
- 22 Cold period in history
- 24 Lunch spot
- 25 One lurking about with evil intent
- 26 "___ or leave it"
- 29 Female relative
- 30 Happy ___ clam
- 31 ___ in; enjoy
- 33 Smoke ___; warning device
- 37 Unruffled
- 39 Fight off
- 41 Outdoor feast
- 42 Verb in a bread recipe
- 44 Lowest point
- 46 Malia, to Sasha
- 47 Capital of South Korea
- 49 Fight
- 51 Annoys
- 54 Give up land
- 55 Goes into
- 56 Result of a high fever, perhaps
- 60 Slightly open
- 61 Dance at a Bar Mitzvah
- 63 Went skyward
- 64 "Old King ___ was a merry..."
- 65 Mysterious sky sights, for short
- 66 Memos
- 67 Watched
- 68 Sticky strip
- 69 Garbage



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Yahtzee cubes
- 2 Dollar bills
- 3 Powder, for short
- 4 Intertwine
- 5 Hopelessness
- 6 Forest opening
- 7 Out of ___; misbehaving
- 8 Perform
- 9 Want
- 10 "Adieu!"
- 11 Sugar substitute
- 12 Sudden
- 13 High-powered surgical beam
- 21 Run ___; chase
- 23 ___-Cola
- 25 Made a stack
- 26 Small nail
- 27 As comfortable ___ old shoe
- 28 Leaf vegetable
- 29 Himalayan nation
- 32 One of the planets
- 34 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 35 Metal bar
- 36 Ponder
- 38 Learned well
- 40 Written slander
- 43 Forest animal
- 45 Glowing
- 48 "Put up ___ up!"
- 50 Extreme fear
- 51 Tranquillity
- 52 Have fun doing
- 53 No longer fresh
- 54 Stop
- 56 Let fall
- 57 Greek letter
- 58 ___ up; spends
- 59 Fit snugly together
- 62 Son ___ gun

'Roving rabbis' in rural US on kosher mission

MATT VOLZ

Associated Press

HELENA, Montana (AP) —

Two young Orthodox Jewish rabbis have traded

Rebbe started this idea," Bruk said. "I decided to rock Montana with that."

The roving rabbis have visited more than 60 homes

for you a cheeseburger," she said.

The rabbis were polite, never disagreeing with their host, but they kept



Orthodox Jewish rabbis Dovid Lepkivker, right, and Eli Chaikin, center, inspect packages of bagels with Mary Semple, left, and her grandson Levi Weitner in a grocery store in Helena, Mont. Lepkivker and Chaikin are on a mission to reach as many Montana Jews as they can in a month to teach them how to keep kosher.

(AP Photo/Matt Volz)

their studies in Brooklyn for the back roads of the rural northwestern state of Montana, where they are teaching the far-flung faithful how to keep kosher.

Eli Chaikin, 23, and Dovid Lepkivker, 25, call themselves the roving rabbis. Their mission is to reach as many of the state's approximately 3,000 Jews as they can in a month. Their message is a gentle one — more of a nudge than a push — in what are at best loosely organized Jewish communities where relatively few people strictly follow the dietary laws.

"Any step you take is a positive step," Chaikin said. "It's not all or nothing."

Chaikin and Lepkivker are affiliated with Chabad-Lubavich movement. A Montana-based Chabad rabbi, Chaim Bruk, said he invited them to help him honor the 40th anniversary of a worldwide campaign to promote observance of the kosher laws by the influential Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, known by his followers as the Rebbe. "We're celebrating a 40-year milestone when the

in Montana since July 7, many of them cold-calls to people they had only learned about by asking around town or from someone the next town over.

On a recent visit to Helena, they sat in Beth Pagel's living room as she told them about the traditional meals and snacks she prepares for her grandson's classmates on Jewish holidays. She said she hasn't made many Jewish friends since moving to Montana's capital city from Florida seven years ago, but she was delighted to find two doctors in town who are Jewish.

Pagel readily offered that she is not kosher but told them that she knows the rules: "I'm not going to of-

fer you a cheeseburger," she said.

"I would venture to say you're much more kosher than you think," Lepkivker said.

The rabbis handed her a pamphlet on keeping kosher and pointed out the listing of all the certification symbols found on food products. They ventured into the kitchen, where the rabbis scrutinized everything, the spices, bread, wine and the canned goods.

Then they delivered their request: Just change one non-kosher brand she regularly buys to a kosher one.

Pagel nodded agreeably, but later shook her head no when a reporter asked if she would change anything as a result of the rabbis' visit. □

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Amid California drought, fears rise of trees dying, falling

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - As Californians and the communities they live in cut back water use and let lawns turn brown, arborists and state officials are worrying about a potentially dangerous ripple effect: City trees going neglected and becoming diseased or even falling.

With cities ordered to reduce water use by 25 percent during the state's four-year drought, many residents are turning off sprinklers - not realizing that trees can be permanently damaged by a sudden reduction in the amount of water they receive.

"You don't want to be cutting back the water to the trees," said Ruben Green, an arborist with Evergreen Arborist Consultants in Los Angeles. "The tree can't adjust."

Across the state, 12 million trees died over the past year due to lack of water, according to the U.S. Forest Service. While the bulk of those deaths occurred outside urban areas, conservationists and officials are now focusing on cities, where mandated water reductions are becoming visible in drying limbs and scorched leaves.

Fears that parched trees could pose a danger were heightened this week when a 75-year-old, 75-foot-tall pine tree fell on a group of kids from a camp at a Southern California children's museum, leaving a boy and girl hospitalized with serious injuries. An independent arborist and another from the city of Pasadena are conducting an investigation into the cause, which has not been determined to be drought-related.



TreePeople volunteers water a tree at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center Martinez Arena in Griffith Park, Friday, July 31, 2015, in Los Angeles.

Green visited the site of Tuesday's tree collapse and said it appeared unlikely the drought was to blame because the area around the tree looked well irrigated and its root system appeared compromised - a sign of rot, decay or injury, not necessarily the drought.

Still, the collapse highlighted concerns about the health of urban trees. Los Angeles alone has more than 25 square miles of parks and some 327,000 trees.

Green and other arborists said they have seen an increase in the number of diseased trees in the city. As they get less water, they become more prone to illness caused by pests. In

addition to bark beetles, Green has seen a newer pest drilling tunnels in the trunks of "dozens and dozens of trees."

Arborists say the number of falling trees and limbs does not appear to have risen in Los Angeles,

but there are concerns that could be next. They also are worried that if a strong El Nino brings a wet California winter, already distressed trees will collapse when a storm hits.

"We're really right on the brink of starting to face more serious issues," said Cindy Blain, executive director of California ReLeaf, a nonprofit network of urban and community forestry groups around the state. "This is a critical

time."

A new six-person crew removes potentially hazardous trees from Los Angeles parks. So far this year, it has moved out 550 trees - surpassing the 300 removed in an average year.

"They are starting to fail due to the drought, and we want to make sure these trees don't potentially pose a hazard to the public," said Laura Bau-

renfeind, principal forester with the city parks department.

Turf areas in city parks are being watered three times a week, down from at least five when drought regulations were not in place. To help nearby trees compensate, the city and nonprofits are installing make-shift basins to filter water to trees.

Meanwhile, a public education campaign is underway. California ReLeaf has partnered with Save Our Water, a coalition of the California Department of Water Resources and Association of California Water Agencies, to better inform residents about proper tree care during the drought.

Blain said many of the people she's spoken with say they have forgotten about their trees or gotten worried and began watering at the tree's base. Trees should be watered from the edge of their canopy. If a tree goes too long without enough water, it will become unable to soak up liquid at all.

Like many Californians, Bruce Birkett has reduced lawn watering at his childhood home in Los Angeles in response to the drought. Recently, though, he's watched in grief as the giant cedar in the front yard became brittle and brown. "That was hard," he said, "watching this lovely tree looking poor." □



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'Mission: Impossible' climbs to No. 1, 'Vacation' is a bust

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AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stakes may be high for Ethan Hunt and his team in "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation," but it was hardly impossible for the Tom Cruise pic to conquer the box office.

The fifth installment in the nearly 20-year-old film series has earned \$56 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Opening weekend audiences were 62 percent male and 81 percent over the age of 25.

It's the second-highest opening for a "Mission" film since "Mission Impossible II" took in \$57.8 million over Memorial Day weekend in 2000. Rentrak's Senior Media Analyst Paul Dergarabedian said Cruise is to credit for making these films one of the longest-running viable franchises on the market.

"He created a new Tom Cruise in the minds of audiences. He came off as very approachable, funny, he did the lip synching with Jimmy Fallon. This is the playbook on how a star — who is also a producer on the movie — gets the word out about his movie," he said. "He's a marketing machine."

The Paramount and Skydance Productions film from writer-director Christopher McQuarrie cost a reported \$150 million to produce and should have no problem making up its budget, especially with overseas earnings.

Besides generating some of the best reviews in the series, "Rogue Nation" was bumped up on the release schedule from Christmas to summer somewhat last minute — even though they were still shooting the movie well into the spring. Megan Colligan, Paramount's president of worldwide distribution and marketing, said that made advance marketing a challenge.

"We had to be precise in what we were doing and take some chances and live a little outside the box. We knew how good the



In this image released by Paramount Pictures, Tom Cruise, left, and Rebecca Ferguson appears in a scene from "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation."

Associated Press

movie was," she said.

Some of those unconventional choices included screening the movie before it was finished.

The film also did not appear to suffer from any Cruise backlash as a result of Alex Gibney's Scientology documentary "Going Clear," which came out earlier this year.

"The average moviegoer just cares about the movie," said Dergarabedian. "They're not thinking about that other stuff."

Meanwhile, Warner Bros.' "Vacation," went a bit off track. The \$30 million film earned \$14.9 million over the weekend and \$21.2 million since opening Wednesday. Starring Ed Helms and Christina Applegate, the R-rated film was imagined as a continuation of the 1983 road trip comedy "National Lampoon's Vacation" when a now grown Rusty Griswold (Helms) takes his family to Wally World.

Critics were not kind to the raunchy comedy from first-time directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, and audiences as a whole didn't seem too thrilled either. According to exit polls, audiences gave the film a not-promising B CinemaScore.

"While we have a B overall CinemaScore, the younger the audience, the higher the score," Warner Bros.' domestic distribution Executive Vice President Jeff Goldstein said.

Also, Goldstein noted that interest piqued over the weekend. The film built momentum and actually

slightly outperformed what its modest Wednesday and Thursday earnings had predicted for the weekend.

Dergarabedian said that "Vacation" started out slow partially because "Mission: Impossible" dominated the conversation, but it has the potential to gain traction.

"That was a tough opening," he said. "We'll see how it does in the coming weeks."

Holdovers "Ant-Man," "Minions," and "Pixels," rounded out the top five. While the year-to-date box office is still up 8.3 percent, it will be down significantly for this weekend from last year when "Guardians of the Galaxy" opened to a stunning \$94.3 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. □

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At 93, TV producer Lear seeks to keep pushing boundaries

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —

Veteran TV producer Norman Lear of "All in the Family" fame is looking ahead to his next groundbreaking series.

Lear, 93, told a TV critics' meeting Saturday that he's working on a Hispanic version of his single-parent comedy "One Day at a Time."

"I love the idea because I don't see enough of that representation on the air," said Lear, who is the subject of a PBS' "American Masters" documentary planned for 2016.

The original series aired from 1975 to 1984 and starred Bonnie Franklin as the mother of two girls, played by Valerie Bertinelli and Mackenzie Phillips. The reboot would focus on a Latino woman with perhaps a boy and a girl, Lear said, and a grandmother.

He wants to show three



Television writer and producer Norman Lear, the subject of an "American Masters" documentary that will air on PBS in 2016, poses for a portrait during the 2015 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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generations of Latinas, he said. Does he have actors in mind? "Yes, but I'm not going to share," Lear replied, his tone as jaunty as his trademark white hat.

He was asked why broad-

cast networks aren't airing sitcoms with the kind of topical humor that was a constant of Lear's shows of the 1970s through the mid-1990s, which besides "All in the Family" included "The

Jeffersons" and "Maude."

"My guess is that, first of all, they're (producers) fully capable of doing it. They just don't elect to," or the major networks don't elect to have them do so, Lear said,

adding, "So I don't know which it is. ... They're doing very well without it. I love 'Modern Family.'"

Lear, whose last sitcom was 1994's short-lived "704 Hauser," was asked if networks shied away from working with him because of his edgy humor or his years.

Perhaps his age is at issue, he said, "but nobody shakes my hand and says, 'You're too old.' Nobody shakes my hand and says, 'I'm afraid you're gonna croak.'"

Lear, known for his social activism, was asked if he found much to laugh at in today's politics.

"It's so hard," he said. While he's labeled a progressive, a liberal or a lefty, "I think of myself as a bleeding heart conservative" who is intent on seeing the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights protected. Americans are patriotic, he said, but "I don't need their flag pins to prove it. I would like them to go back to civics lessons." □

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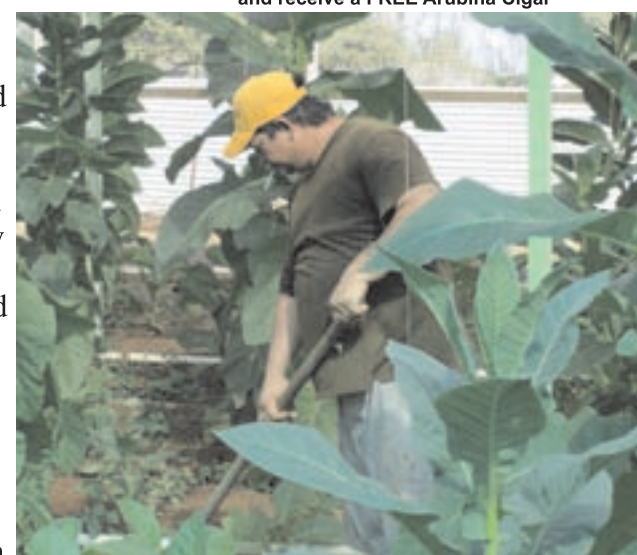
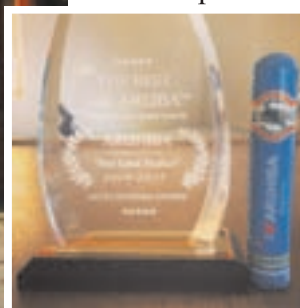


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